

# The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 12.

## NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

By direction of Gen. Augur, all embalmers desiring to prosecute their business in the Department of Washington, must make immediate application to his headquarters for license, without which license the prosecution of their business will be unauthorized.

General Augur has announced the troops serving in the military district of the Patuxent, under command of General Joseph G. Barton, to be a separate brigade in the Department of Washington.

It is reported that Queen Victoria will send condolence to Mrs. Lincoln, and express sympathy with the American people.

The work of retrenchment has begun at the Watervliet Arsenal, and already all the boys that were employed in the establishment (nearly five hundred) have been discharged by the commandant of the place.

By an order from Gen. Halleck, it is understood that all loyal persons can come and go from Richmond without passes or restrictions of any kind; they simply being required to register their names as they land or leave.

The steamer Charleston has been for some time engaged in looking for the bodies of those drowned by the sinking of the Black Diamond off Blackiston's Island. Thirty-seven bodies have been recovered and taken to Point Lookout. It has been ascertained that 87 persons perished with the Black Diamond.

The dry goods sales in New York yesterday were more than ordinarily good considering the state of the weather. Prices, with one or two exceptions, were well up. Woolen and Linen goods showed a marked decline, but dress goods, cassimeres and black cloths, ribbons and millinery goods sold rapidly at fair prices.

We learn from Point Lookout that of 23,700 prisoners there, all but two men have expressed a wish to take the oath of allegiance. As fast as they take the oath they will be sent to Richmond to go to their homes.

It is understood that on Saturday next, 25 per cent of all workmen employed in the mechanical departments of the Brooklyn Navy Yard will be discharged, for the lack of work. On Saturday last, one hundred and twenty men, belonging to the sailmakers' department, were notified that their services were no longer required.

The provost marshal of Richmond has adopted a novel punishment for parties convicted of selling liquor to soldiers. They are placed under guard and compelled to sweep the streets of Richmond.

The War Department has issued an order directing the immediate mustering out of all the volunteer soldiers of the cavalry arm whose terms of service expire before the 1st of Oct., 1865. All the remaining cavalry are to be consolidated into complete maximum organizations.

General Washburne administers the oath to soldiers at Memphis, Tenn., but not to Southern officers or returned citizens, saying that it is too late to reap the benefit of the amnesty proclamation, after maintaining an attitude of hostility for four years.

The Commission for the trial of Herrold, Payne, Mudd, &c., &c., sits with closed doors, but it is believed that the Secretary of War will send an abstract of the trial to Gen. Dix, after the manner of his war reports.

The American Anti Slavery Society has resolved to continue its organization. Wendell Phillips was elected President, William Lloyd Garrison having declined a re-election.

From Richmond we learn that all the railroads in the department of Virginia will be turned over to their owners when no longer required for military purposes—provided such owners have taken the oath of allegiance to the U. S.—but this will not prevent the forfeiture of any stock which may be owned by parties who are not entitled to the benefits of the amnesty proclamation. Through travel to the South will be opened a week or so, when paroled prisoners desiring to return to their homes will be afforded an opportunity of doing so.

GEN. ROSECANS, in a speech made in Boston yesterday, stated that he had seen in the newspapers that Gen. Rosecrans "was going to raise 25,000 men to go to Mexico;" but he assured his hearers that he was going to do no such thing. He further took occasion to condemn all filibustering schemes, and said that if the names of those engaged in getting up projects for Mexican invasions, &c., were examined, "they would be found to be third rate fellows, not worth a snap."

Dispatches to the Philadelphia Ledger and New York Commercial say that if the Mexican emigration project gains much further headway, the Government at Washington will interfere, and issue a proclamation warning against a violation of the neutrality laws. It is said that President Johnson's private views are in favor of the Monroe doctrine, but that he will not alter the policy hitherto pursued by Mr. Seward.

There was a violent tornado, in Philadelphia, yesterday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, which did considerable damage to Fairmount Park, prostrating many of the finest trees and causing damage of from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. About thirty houses were blown down in the Nineteenth Ward, causing considerable consternation among the inhabitants. The rain was falling in torrents. Only one person, a boy, was killed.

Meetings in favor of a restoration of the Union are being held in several of the counties of N. Carolina. W. W. Holden will probably be the Union candidate for Governor of the State.

A Nassau correspondent states that "an unknown schooner which recently sailed from Baltimore on a legitimate cruise, was hailed before getting out of Patapsco river by some men who represented themselves as deserting Rebel soldiers, wishing to obtain passage to Point Lookout. As soon as they all got on board, they overpowered the captain and crew, put all of them ashore excepting two negroes, and made sail with the schooner, arriving with her at Salt Cay, Bahamas, on the 17th ult.—The American consul made a demand on the British authorities for the surrender of the vessel; but this was not acceded to, and although they were ordered to leave in 24 hours, they did not do so, but remained up to the date of latest accounts."

### GEN. TAYLOR'S SURRENDER

"HQ'RS. MIL. DIV., WEST MISSISSIPPI, CITRONVILLE, May 4.

"Lieutenant General Taylor has this day surrendered to me, with the forces under his command, on substantially the same terms as those accepted by General Lee.

"E. R. S. CANBY."

It is stated that Gen. Grant testified yesterday before the Committee on the Conduct of the War.

Pending a permanent organization of the new Mexican Empire, the Emperor Maximilian has issued a decree defining the provisional status of the Imperial Government. The form of government is declared to be a limited monarchy, with a Catholic Prince at its head. In case of the death of the Emperor, the Empress is to be Regent. The Emperor is to be assisted by a ministry composed of the heads of nine departments. All the inhabitants of the Empire are guaranteed equality in the eyes of the law; security of person and property and freedom of speech.—Green, red and white are to be the national colors. The press is to be subject to nearly the same restrictions as are imposed upon journalism in France and Austria.

The time for the holding of the grand review in Washington, has not yet been definitely fixed, but it will doubtless not be far from the first of June. A proposition that the troops pass in review down Pennsylvania avenue meets with considerable favor among military men, and will probably form one feature of the grand pageant.

The Marquis de Montholon, the newly arrived French Minister to this country, is a son of the celebrated General Count de Montholon, who shared the exile of Napoleon the First, at St. Helena. He was formerly Consul General of France in N. York, and married an American lady, the daughter of Gen. Gratiot.

It is understood that no counsel appeared yesterday for the conspirators on the reassembling of the Military Commission. Among those arraigned yesterday was Edward Spangler, the stage carpenter at Ford's Theatre.

The late robbery of the Bank of Westminster in Md., is yet enveloped in mystery. The cashier of the bank has been acquitted of all complicity.

The James River Canal has been opened as far as Columbia, Va.

Gen. Sherman is expected in Washington to-day.

Mrs. Lincoln has nearly recovered, and leaves for Chicago one week from to-day.

### VALUABLE LAND NEAR ALEXANDRIA FOR SALE.

I have for sale, low and on convenient terms, a TRACT of about 320 ACRES of LAND in Fairfax county, about six miles from Alexandria, lying between the Little River Turnpike and the Orange Railroad, and bounded by the Manassas Railroad extension, and the lands of Edsall, Cowling, and others. There is a considerable quantity of wood on the land. This is believed to be the cheapest land in this vicinity, considering the advantages.

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